1	2	3	4
83.	Kisan Gramin Bank	Punjab National Bank	55
84.	Kshetriya Kisan Gramin Bank	UP State Coop. Bank	63
85.	Lucknow Kshetriya Gramin Bank	Allahabad Bank	240
86.	Prathama Bank	Syndicate Bank	175
87.	Purvanchal Gramin Bank	State Bank of India	305
88.	Rani Lakshmi Bai Kshetriya Gramin Bank	Punjab National Bank	43
89.	Shreyas Gramin Bank	Canara Bank	183
90.	Triveni Kshetriya Gramin Bank	Allahabad Bank	208
91.	Uttar Pradesh Gramin Bank	Punjab National Bank	88
	UTTAR PRADESH TOTAL		2858
92.	Nainital Almora Kshetriya Gramin Bank	Bank of Baroda	58
93.	Uttaranchal Gramin Bank	State Bank of India	107
	UTTARANCHAL TOTAL		165
94.	Bangiya Vikash Gramin Bank	United Bank of India	547
95.	Paschim Banga Gramin Bank	UCO Bank	216
96.	Uttar Banga Kshetriya Gramin Bank	Central Bank of India	114
	WEST BENGAL TOTAL		877
	ALL INDIA TOTAL		14519

Shortage of coins

356. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government are well aware that there is an acute shortage of coins of Rs. 1/ Rs. 2 and Rs. 5 in the country as on date and public is in lot of difficulties for want of coins;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Central Government for proper circulation and availability of the small coins in the country; and

(c) whether the small coins are black-mailed and shortage if created and if so, what action has been taken against the persons found guilding in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) Certain reports have appeared in the press and complaints from public/trade bodies have also been received regarding shortage of coins in certain markets. The following steps have been taken to augment the availability of coins:

(i) The Government has been minting Rs. 2 coins in Ferritic Stainless Steel instead of cupro-nickel since 2005 and has also decided to mint Rs. 5 coin in Ferritic Stainless Steel instead of Cupro-nickel to abort melting by unscrupulous elements.

(ii) Minting of Re.1, Rs. 2 and Rs. 5 coins has been placed on fast track.

(iii) Several issue offices of Reserve Bank of India held coin melas distributed coins through mobile banks at market place etc. Reserve Bank of India also advised select currency chest branches to do the same.

(iv) To cater to the large demand of hotels restaurants, retail shops etc., distribution arrangements have been made by Reserve Bank of India through registered Association/Trade bodies wherever they have come forward for the purpose.

(v) In Mumbai, arrangements have been made for distribution of coins through five post offices and similar arrangements is being put in place in other States.

(vi) All the Banks were advised to ensure distribution of coins through their currency chests branches proactively and they were also advised to identify some branches in each district for the specific purpose of coin distribution.

(vii) Banks have been advised to consider installation of coins vending machines.

Granting loans to farmers by banks

357. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are well aware that large number of farmers are being deprived of Rabi and Kharif loans annually by the Nationalised Banks in the country;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken against such Nationalised Banks responsible for not granting crop loans to the farmers;

(c) if so, the details thereof in this regard; and

(d) how the financial help shall be provided to the farmers to meet their situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (d) The agricultural credit disbursed by Public Sector Commercial Banks has increased substantially during the last four years as may be observed from the data furnished below:-

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Amount disbursed
2003-04	42,211
2004-05	65,218
2005-06	94,278
2006-07	1,14,480